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PREHISTORIC STUDIES OF THE SIWA OASIS

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1. FOLLOWING HIS ARRIVAL IN CAIRO JULY 12 DR. FIKRI HASSAN MET WITH MINCULTURE SPONSORS AND WITH GEOLOGICAL SURVEY HEAD RUSHDI SAID TO DISCUSS IMPLEMENTATION OF SUBJECT GRANT. HASSAN, HOWEVER, DID NOT OBTAIN REQUIRED MININTERIOR PASSES UNTIL JULY 19. WE MADE FORMAL APPROACH TO MINFOREIGN AFFAIRS ON JULY 22 AND RECEIVED AN ORAL APPROVAL FOR PROJECT TO GO AHEAD SAME DAY.

2. SMITHSONIAN SHOULD, THEREFORE, INFORM OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY ON PRIORITY BASIS THAT HASSAN NOW EXPECTS THEM IN CAIRO AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

3. BASED UPON OUR DISCUSSIONS WITH RUSHDI SAID AND DR. HASSAN, WE BELEIVE THAT ADEQUATE ADVANCE PREPARATION FOR PROJECT HAD INDEED BEEN MADE. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN THIS RESPECT IF WE HAD INITIALLY HAD MORE BACKGROUND INFORMATION WITH WHICH TO WORK IN THE EARLY STAGES OF THE PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY NAMES OF CONTACTS WHICH HAD ALREADY BEEN MADE WITHIN GOE CONCERNING SECURITY PASSES AND PROGRAM APPROVAL.
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